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For: ABRASIVE, METHOD OF POLISHING TARGET
MEMBER AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Group: 3723

Examiner: S. L. McDonald

SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**(INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, and concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal and as the necessary Submission therefor, enclosed please find copies of documents to be considered by the Examiner during further examination of the above-identified application. Also enclosed is a Form PTO/SB/08A. This Form lists the enclosed documents, and additionally lists documents cited by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed February 27, 2001, in prior Application No. 09/581,814, that have not already been cited in the above-identified application.

Since Application No. 09/581,814 is being relied upon under 35 USC §120 in the above-identified application, copies of listed documents previously cited in No. 09/581,814 are not enclosed. These documents cited in connection with prior

Application No. 09/581,814, and listed on the enclosed Form, but whose copies are not enclosed herewith, are the following U.S. Patents:

- (1) No. 5,264,010;
- (2) No. 5,804,513;
- (3) No. 5,891,205; and
- (4) No. 5,997,620.

Please note that Japanese Patent Document No. JP 7-81932 has previously been cited in the above-identified application, in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted January 11, 2002, upon originally filing the above-identified application. However, as a machine English translation obtained at the JPO website is enclosed, No. 7-81932 is also set forth on the enclosed Form.

Also enclosed herewith is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,026,421.

No. 5,026,421 corresponds to Japanese Patent Document No. 1-266183, listed on the International Search Report for International (PCT) Application No. PCT/AP98/05736, of which the prior application of the above-identified application, No. 09/581,814, is a national stage application filed under 35 USC §371.

Of the enclosed documents listed on the enclosed Form, U.S. Patent No. 4,475,981 corresponds to Japanese Patent Document No. 60-108489 and is a corresponding English equivalent thereto, and International (PCT) Application No. WO 93/22103 corresponds to Japanese Patent Document No. 7-502778 and is a corresponding English equivalent thereto. Moreover, International (PCT) Application No. WO 01/13417 has a publication date after the filing date of the International application for the parent application of the above-identified application.

The following comments are appropriate concerning various of the enclosed documents. Japanese Patent Document No. JP 7-81932 discloses particles with grain boundaries. While grain boundaries are not expressly described, the

experimental data in paragraph [0011], that is, powder 22, would appear to have grain boundaries. The powder 22 has mean particle diameter of 2.0 ± 0.2 micrometers. The particles are used for measuring color of cerium particles, not for a slurry. U.S. Patent No. 6,120,571 does not disclose particulate grain boundaries. U.S. Patent No. 5,543,126 discloses pulverizing ceric oxide particulate, but does not disclose a particle size after pulverizing.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a RCE Transmittal in the above-identified application. Clearly, requirements of 37 CFR §1.97(b) are satisfied.


To the extent that documents listed on the enclosed Form are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 CFR §1.97(a)(3) are satisfied by the machine translation thereof and/or corresponding English language documents, also enclosed herewith.

In view of the foregoing, and again noting the concurrently filed RCE Transmittal, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with each of the documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon further examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case:566.38683CX1).

Respectfully submitted,

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		US- 5,804,513		09-1998	Sakatani et al.	
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